

CAPSULE SUMMARY

5428 Ebenezer Road

BA-2841

Located west of the B&O Railroad tracks, the farm at 5428 Ebenezer Road reflects the importance of agriculture and the impact of the railroad on farms throughout the county. The main dwelling house was constructed in 1902 for Katie Gerst Bowers as a part of the small residential district that developed at Railroad/Proctor/Red Lion roads at the turn of the 20th century due to its proximity to the B&O Railroad line. Despite pervasive in-fill, the wood frame farmhouse at 5428 Ebenezer Road stands as a reminder to the original settlement patterns of this area.

The 2-1/2-story, three-bay wide, vernacular building is sited several hundred feet from the road on a slight rise. Crops have been planted to the east, west, and north of the building. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the L-shaped, wood frame building was originally clad in weatherboard, but has since been covered with asbestos shingles. The facade of the house is symmetrical, with the center bay accented by an entry ornamented with a transom and side-lights and by a central cross gable pierced by an arched window. A full-width porch extends across the first story of the facade. One interior brick chimney is located at the ridge of the roof.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 5428 Ebenezer Road not for publication _____
city or town White Marsh vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21162

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE Agricultural Outbuilding

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Stone Rubble
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle
walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1902-present

Significant Dates 1902

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baltimore County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 1760 Square Feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 5428 Ebenezer Road is located on Parcel 285 as indicted on Map 72, Grid 244.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building has been historically associated with Parcel 285 since its original construction.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Jane G. Bickel
street & number P.O. Box 124, 5428 Ebenezer Rd. telephone _____
city or town White Marsh state MD zip code _____

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The 2-1/2-story, three-bay wide, wood frame dwelling located at 5428 Ebenezer Road was constructed in 1902, just west of the B&O Railroad line. The vernacular house is sited several hundred feet from the road on a slight rise. Crops have been planted to the east, west, and north of the building. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the L-shaped, wood frame building was originally clad in weatherboard, but has since been covered with asbestos shingles. The facade of the house is symmetrical, with the center bay accented by an entry ornamented with a transom and side-lights and by a central cross gable pierced by an arched window. A full-width porch extends across the first story of the facade. One interior brick chimney is located at the ridge of the roof.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The south elevation of the building, or facade, addresses Ebenezer Road. It is divided into three bays, with the main entrance located in the center bay. This door, a single leaf, wood door with arched panels, is flanked with three-light sidelights and crowned with a three-light transom. An original 2/4 window with a square-edged surround and ogee capped lintel is located to either side of the door. The three window openings at the second story have been filled with replacement, 1/1 aluminum windows. The original square-edged surrounds and ogee-capped lintels remain in place around these windows. Wood shutters flank the window openings at the first and second stories. The upper half-story is marked at the center bay with a cross gable which is pierced by a 1/1 semi-circular arched window. A one-story, three-bay porch with square wood columns extends across this elevation.

The east elevation of the building is two bays wide with the northern bay recessed from the southern bay. The southern bay is marked with a 2/2 window. The eastern side of the "ell" is marked with a single-leaf, paneled, wood door and a 2/2 window. The second story of the east elevation is marked with two replacement, 1/1 aluminum windows. The upper half story is marked within the gable end of the southern bay with a 1/1 semi-circular arched window. All windows have square-edged wood surrounds with an ogee-capped lintel, and wood shutters. The corner of the "L" has been in-filled with a one-story, screened porch with an asphalt shingle-clad shed roof.

The north elevation of the building is two bays wide with the

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eastern half recessed. The first story is marked with two 2/2 windows. The second story is marked with two, 1/1 aluminum windows. The upper half-story is marked in the gable end of the western bay with a 1/1 semi-circular arched window. All windows have square-edged, wood surrounds with an ogee-capped lintels. Wood shutters flank the western window at the first story and both windows at the second story.

The western elevation of the house is two bays wide. The basement is marked with a 3-light hopper window. The southern bay of the first story is pierced with a 2/2 window, while the northern bay is marked with a single-leaf three-panel, four-light, wood door with a transom. The second story is pierced with two replacement, 1/1 aluminum windows. The upper story in the southern bay is marked with 1/1 semi-circular arched windows.

OUTBUILDINGS:

A barn, constructed in the 1930s, is located to the northeast of the house. Rectangular in plan, this wood frame building is set on a concrete block foundation and clad in vertical board siding. A side gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheeting covers the building.

To the east of the barn is a modest carport. This contemporary structure consists of an arched metal frame covered with fabric.

A shed, dating from the mid-1940s or 1950s, stands to the northeast of the house. Constructed on a concrete block foundation, this shed is rectangular in plan. The walls are clad in corrugated metal siding, and a gable roof of corrugated metal sheets with exposed rafter ends covers the building. A vertical board sliding door is located at the western edge of the south elevation. The corrugated metal walls are pierced with 6-light awning windows. An exterior end concrete block chimney is located at the west elevation.

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The dwelling at 5428 Ebenezer provides a good example of farmhouses at the turn of the 20th century. It is a vernacular example of rural I-house architecture. The traditional I-house retained its popularity during the latter part of the 19th century, being stylistically detailed by applied ornament associated with fashionable trends. The cross gable, open pediment at the central bay of the side gable I-house form was one of the most fashionable trends in the county, often requiring property owners to add the component to extant side gable roofs. First appearing in the 1870s, the pediment was typically pierced by a single double-hung window opening. The I-house form was also often enlarged by the construction of one- to two-story ells that gave the building a T- or L-shaped plan. Another popular variation to the form was the enlargement of the front parlor by a two-story canted or square bay.

Typically five bays wide and two bays deep, the I-house building form has a central-passage plan. The use of the passage as a summer hall had changed with the introduction of numerous asymmetrically placed window openings and the wrap-around porch. Thus, the hall was reduced in width and served as a connecting hyphen that usually accommodated the main stair. The I-house form continued into the early part of the 20th century, gaining popularity in suburban and rural communities in the 1920s and 1930s with Craftsman-style detailing rather than Late Victorian.

The dwelling at 5428 Ebenezer Road provides a good illustration of a vernacular I-house as practiced throughout Baltimore County, and across America, at the turn of the 20th century. Lacking in decorative details, the form of the building -- a two-story house with a symmetrical facade and center bay emphasized through the use of a cross gable -- reflects the I-House form so typical of rural America in the early 20th century.

By the middle of the 19th century large farms were scattered across White Marsh. By the late 19th century, the acreage of these farms were decreasing in size, and primary crops were shifting from cereal crops to market gardening. Farming in Baltimore County was boosted by improved modes of transportation to Baltimore City. Located west of the B&O Railroad tracks, the farm at 5428 Ebenezer Road reflects the importance of agriculture and the impact of the railroad on farms throughout the county.

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The house at 5428 Ebenezer Road, constructed in 1902 for Katie Gerst Bowers, was a part of the small residential district that developed at Railroad/Proctor/Red Lion roads at the turn of the 20th century due to its proximity to the B&O Railroad line. The location of this district along the railroad line facilitated the transportation of the farmers' crops into the city. A typical farmhouse from the turn of the 20th century in Baltimore County, the dwelling thus benefited not only through its situation along a main road through White Marsh but also because of its location just west of the railroad tracks. Despite pervasive in-fill, the wood frame farmhouse at 5428 Ebenezer Road stands as a reminder to the original settlement patterns of this area. The agricultural traditions associated with this property during the latter part of the 19th century continue today as crops continue to be grown to the east, west, and north of the house.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 5428 Ebenezer Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the dwelling provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility Recommended Eligibility Not Recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments:

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 11/12/97

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 3/17/00

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community
Planning
Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): Domestic/Single Dwelling
Agriculture/Agricultural Outbuildings

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Deed A

November 30, 1885 Rachael A. Canoles to Katie Gerst Bowers
Part of property
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WMI 148 Folio 551

July 6, 1886 William Gambrill to Katie Gerst Bowers
Part of property
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber JWS 154 Folio 81

September 15, 1927 Katie Bowers to Andrew J. Bowers
Consists of 2 lots, 9.378 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 655 Folio 222

May 8, 1942 Andrew J. Bowers to Donald Coons
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CHK 1230 Folio 8

October 19, 1943 Donald Coons to Frederick and Ida N. Gambrill
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber RJS 1313 Folio 176

Deed B

September 15, 1927 Katie Bowers to Milton J. Bowers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 649 Folio 190

January 30, 1940 Milton J. Bowers et al. to Frederick M. and Ida
N. Gambrill
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CWB Jr. 1084 Folio 541

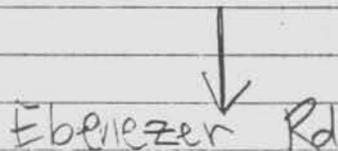
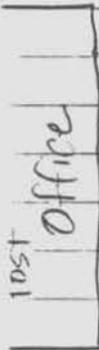
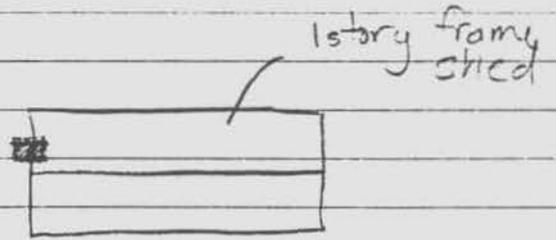
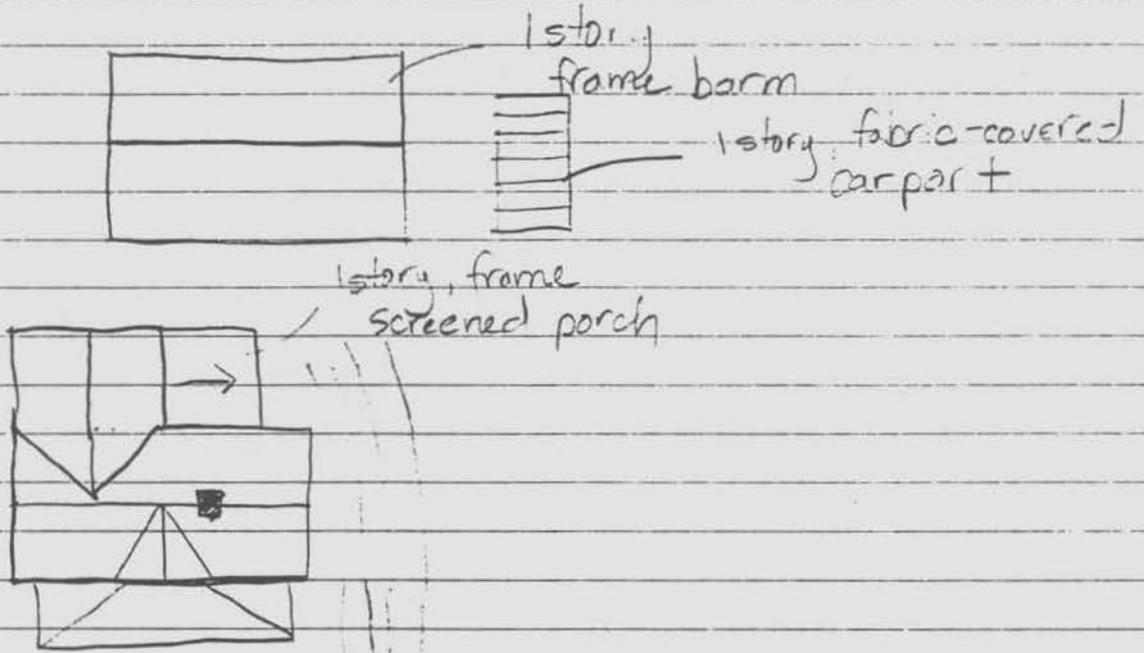
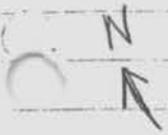
Deed C

September 15, 1927 Katie Bowers to John T. Bowers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 649 Folio 191

SKETCH MAP

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5428 Ebenezer Rd.
White Marsh, MD
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WHITE MARSH, MI
MIDDLE RIVER,
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5428 EBENEZER RD.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

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WHITE MARSH, MD
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MARYLAND SHPO
EAST ELEVATION
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5428 EBENEZER RD.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION

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MARYLAND SHPO
WEST ELEVATION
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WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

BARN & CARPORT - LOOKING NORTH

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5428 EBENEZER RD.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SAPO

SHED - SW CORNER

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